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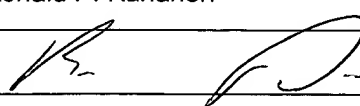
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For: SON 2070 OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL  
HEAD AND SIGNAL REPRODUCING  
METHOD

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in this application with claims 1, 7, 12 and 13 being independent.

The restriction requirement of February 13, 2004 asserts an existence of the following independent and distinct inventions:

Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 9 and Figure 11.

The restriction requirement further asserts that no claims are generic.

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the invention of the alleged Species to Figure 11 having claims 1 and 7-14.

Applicant reserves the right to file the features of the alleged species of Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 9 within a divisional application.

For the reasons provided hereinbelow, the restriction requirement made within the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2004 is respectfully traversed.

The restriction requirement contends that no claim is generic to the independent species.

In response to this contention, note that elected **claim 7** is drawn to an optical head having an optical element installed on a slider thereof and which reads a signal by illuminating an optical recording medium with a reading light, the optical element having embedded in the surface of a lens substantially perpendicular thereto a conductive member whose diameter or width is smaller than the diameter of an optical spot on a lens surface.

Further note that **claim 1** is drawn to an optical element having embedded in the surface of a lens substantially perpendicular thereto a conductive member whose diameter or width is smaller than the diameter of an optical spot on the lens surface.

Thus, the feature of an optical element having embedded in the surface of a lens substantially perpendicular thereto a conductive member whose diameter or width is smaller than the diameter of an optical spot on the lens surface is found at least within claims 1 and 7. Claims 2-6 are dependent upon claim 1.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, the rejoinder of the remaining species along with the full examination and issuance of all claims as required by M.P.E.P §809.04, is respectfully requested.

An early Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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